

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the subject application.

Drawings

New corrected drawings have been required to comply with CFR 1.121(d) because some of the figures are either missing some words or words are not legible to read.

Applicant respectfully submits replacement drawings for Figures 5, 7, and 9 to comply with C.F.R. 1.121(d).

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,266,634 to Buchsbaum et al. (hereinafter "Buchsbaum"). Claim 16 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Buchsbaum in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0120480 A1 to Mohri et al. (hereinafter "Mohri").

Claims 11 – 15 and 17 – 21 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 – 8 and 22 – 25 have been allowed.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 – 8 and 22 – 25 remain pending in this application. Claims 9 – 21 have been canceled without prejudice. No new claims have been added.


In light of the canceled claims, applicant respectfully submits that the applicable rejections are now moot, and the pending claims allowable.

If the allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Suk Lee at (408) 720-8300. If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheets include changes to Figs. 5, 7, and 9. The attached drawing sheets replace the original sheets including Figs. 5, 7, and 9. The figures have been amended to make certain words more legible. It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendments to the drawings do not add new matter.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

(nothing to mark in red ink)

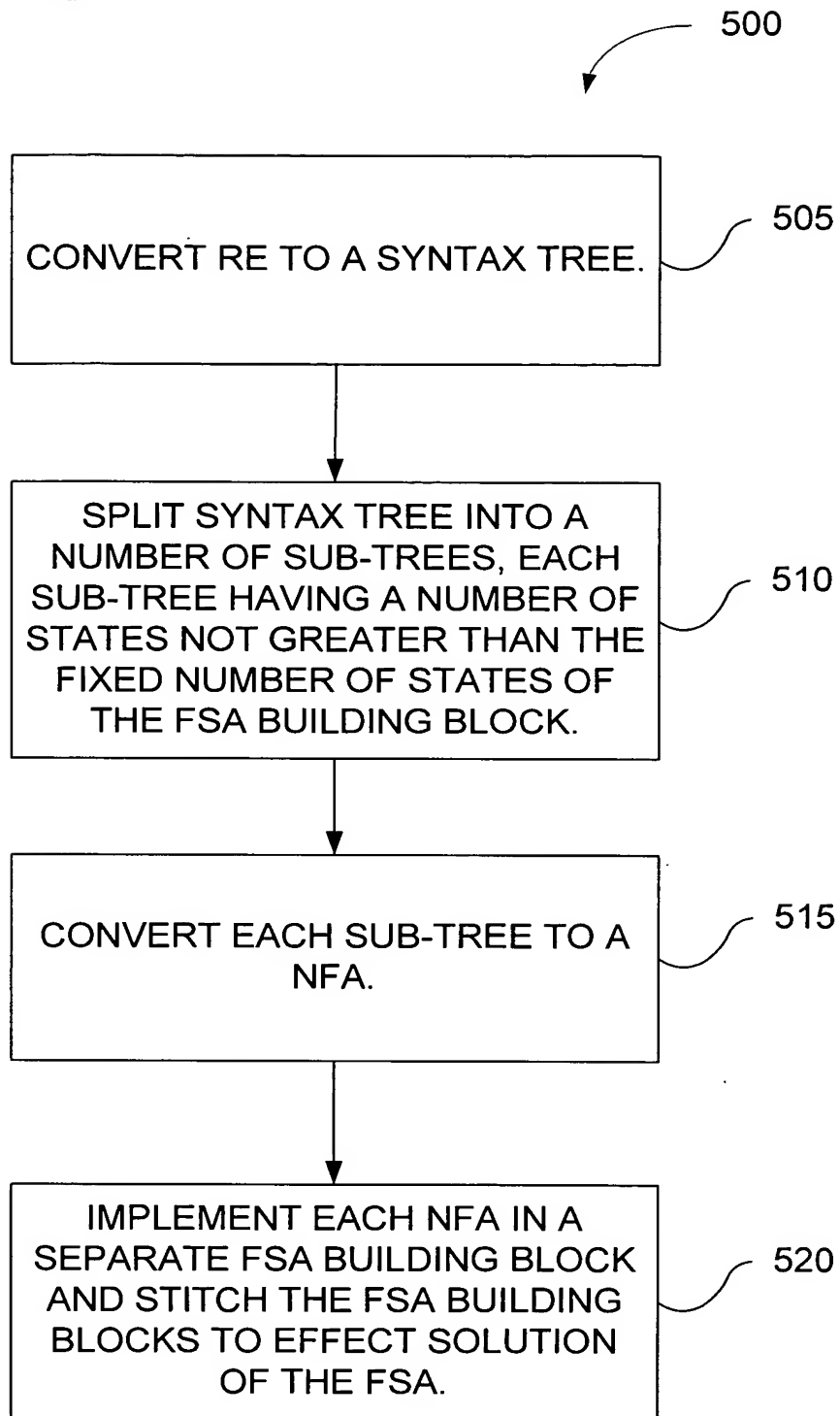


Fig. 5

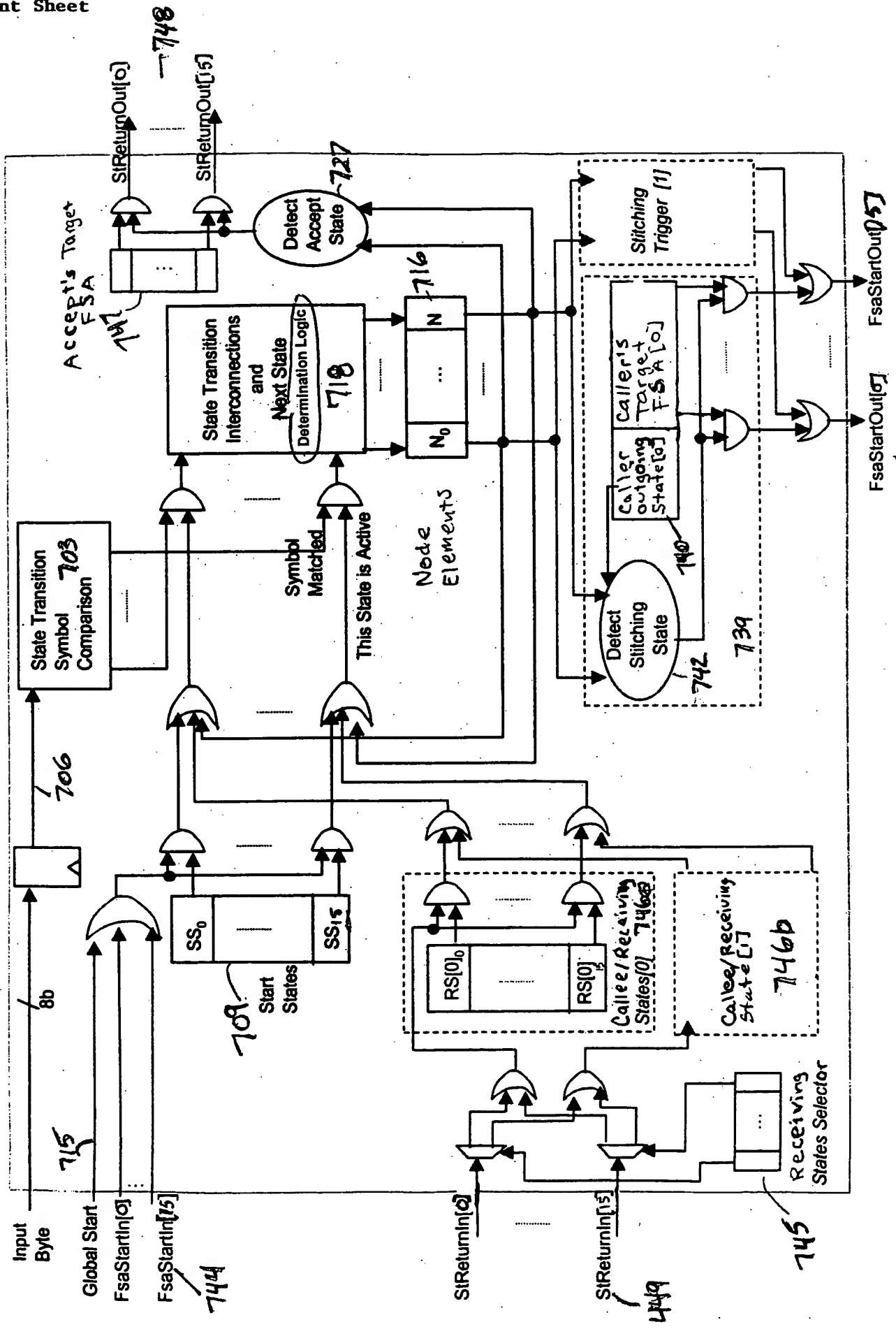


Fig. 7

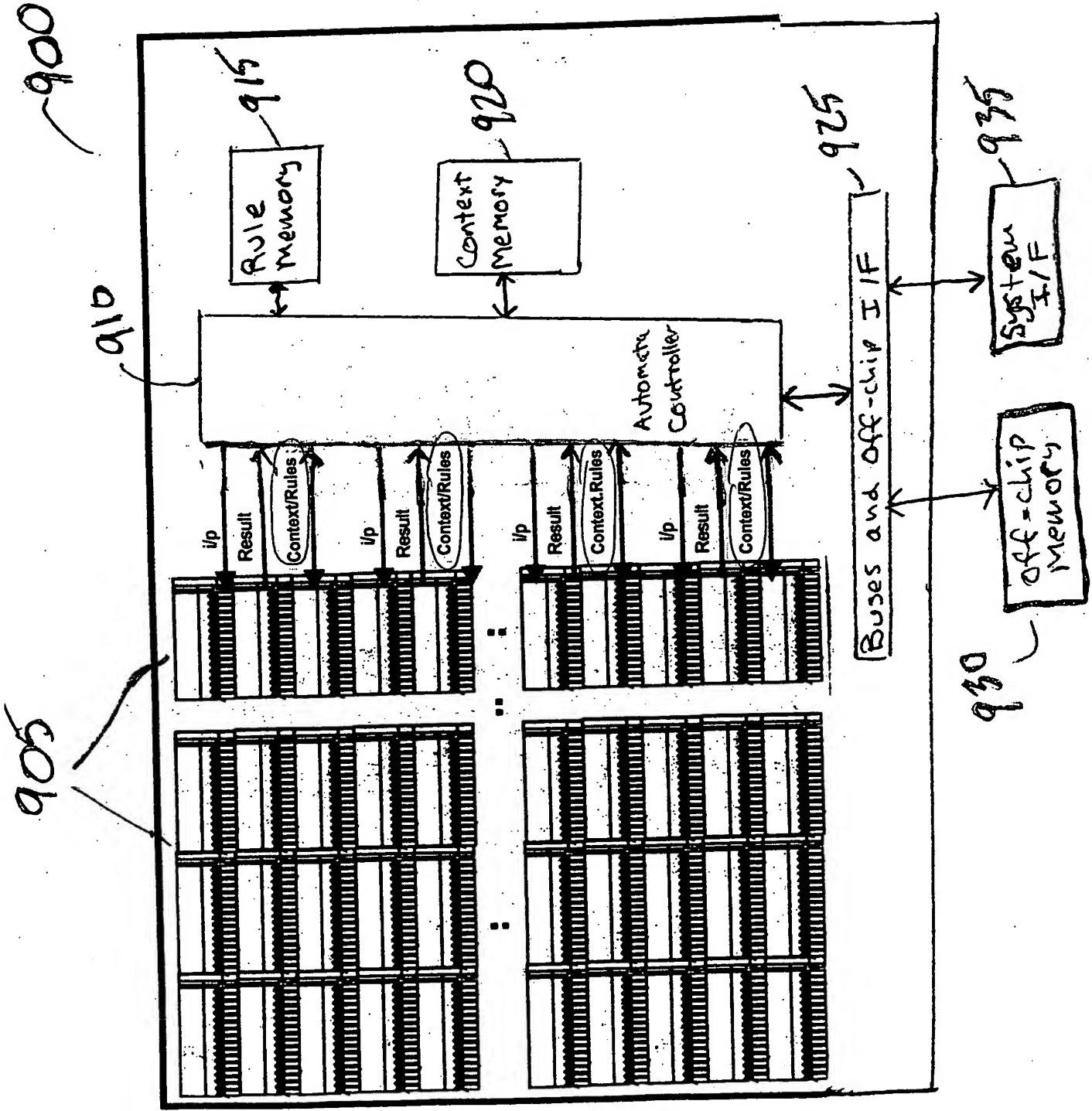


Fig. 9